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State crisis backs up SIUE's budget

by Greg Maddox
Alestle Reporter

According to the Civic Federation in Chicago, the state of Illinois is facing the second largest budget shortfall of any state in the U.S. for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The economic think-tank, a

non-partisan government research organization that focuses on the quality and cost-effectiveness of government services, said Illinois is looking at a budget deficit of \$5.7 billion for the 2010 fiscal year and an estimated \$7.1 billion for the upcoming 2011 fiscal year.

The state's issues in

budgeting have slowed the release of money to thousands of state-funded organizations and universities like SIUE. Budget Director Bill Winter said the original plan was for SIUE to have their proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year by the middle of May. However, this due date has been pushed back until

August.

"The postponement will hopefully give each campus time to plan for the upcoming budget reductions," Winter said.

Until the state appropriations budget is complete, schools like SIUE will have to sit tight until they know how much state money will be

coming to them. Debate is still going on in the legislature and so far no deadlines have been set as to when the money will be dispersed.

"The state appropriations budget is not even developed yet," Winter said. "The [state]

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One last assignment



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As a part of the Senior Assignment Showcase, Robert Lynn and Michael Calvin display the game they created for the Nintendo Wii, which teaches children how to brush their teeth.

Senior Assignments show talent of CAS undergrads

by Karl Williams
Alestle Reporter

Using the Wii Remote to teach children how to brush their teeth is one of many projects being featured in the fifth annual Senior Assignment Showcase.

Senior computer science major Mathew Wilmsmeyer, a member of the team that created the "Wii Toothbrush," said they built the entire game engine from

scratch, using the XNA gamer program kit, a tutorial designed by Microsoft. For Wilmsmeyer, the most interesting part was building the content to go along with the program.

The group—which consists of Gary Basarish, Michael Calvin, Robert Lynn, Charles Montgomery and Wilmsmeyer—created dialogue, voiceovers and background music.

"It was a lot of fun to build

these storylines for little kids and make it as fun and goofy as possible," Wilmsmeyer said.

Creating the "Wii Toothbrush" was a request from the group's client, Kenneth Rawson, who is a dentist. Using the Wii Remote, children will be able to scrape plaque and dirt off of the teeth that appear on the television screen.

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Fulbright scholar brings Nigerian culture to SIUE

by Jason Frazier
Alestle Reporter

SIUE has its share of students that come from abroad, but Kola Tubosun comes from Nigeria as part of a unique program.

Tubosun is at SIUE teaching Yoruba, a West African language, as part of the Fulbright Scholar Program for his second and final semester here.

"I have taught Yoruba for two semesters at SIUE. Fulbright brings students to teach for one year," Tubosun said.

Language is an essential part of the curriculum for the Yoruba class; however, Tubosun said the culture aspect of class peaks the students interest as well.

"Whenever I teach topics of culture in the Yoruba class, the students seem more interested," Tubosun said. "It allows them to sit down and use their imagination."

When topics of culture are brought up, students usually ask Tubosun questions that allow him to reflect on things in Nigeria and also contrast the cultures.

"It brings out interesting questions which allow me to think to myself how foreigners perceive my culture and what it is we take for granted because of where we are from," Tubosun said.

Students may be unaware of some of the advantages they have, compared to students in Tubosun's homeland.

"I think the situation in Nigeria, because of the limited funding, allows for little to work with. Here at SIUE I can pull down a projector in any classroom," Tubosun said. "Students in Nigeria have to work extra hard to be able to catch up. American students sometimes take the resources available for granted."

SIUE students benefit from the Fulbright Scholar Program because they get an opportunity to learn a unique language and meet great students that represent a different culture, according to Foreign Languages and Literature Chair Belinda Carstens-Wickham.

"[The program] brings two students to SIUE to teach two foreign languages we usually don't offer," Carstens-Wickham said. "Our students wouldn't be able to gain any exposure to the culture, learn these languages or meet these fantastic people if it weren't for the Fulbright Program."

In addition to teaching Yoruba at SIUE, Tubosun is also a graduate student here.

"I also take linguistics and language documentation courses.

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Pitching in now to save later

RHA hosts recycling contest for residence halls

by Jason Frazier
Alestle Reporter

Earth Day usually sparks many environmental awareness projects and presentations around the globe. The Pitch In program, co-sponsored by the Sustainable Advisory Group and University Housing, has provided SIUE residents a way to participate and celebrate Earth Day as well.

Pitch In was an idea presented by senior biomedical sciences major John Curry. Each residence hall was encouraged to recycle instead of throwing their items in the trash. The winning residence hall will be determined by dividing the weight of collected recycled materials by the number of students that live in that area.

The number of people who would throw trash away instead of recycling goods motivated Curry to begin Pitch In.

"I have always been interested in recycling and have been frustrated with the amount of people that will place recyclable goods in the trash can when recycle bins are available," Curry said. "I decided to take a step to make a difference in our campus and awareness of recycling."

The student participation for Pitch In has been superb, according to Curry, and he said he has seen a growing interest in

recycling since the program started.

"We have had great student participation in the program so far," Curry said. "There has definitely been an increase in awareness of the effects of recycling and the environment, which was our number one goal."

University Housing, one of the co-sponsors, played a large role in creating buzz and collecting data for Pitch In, according to Curry.

"We put up advertisements in each area that included things such as strung plastic bags and plastic bottles," Curry said. "Each [resident assistant] in Housing received a bulletin board from me that contained information about the program and education on recycling and sustainable. Facilities Management of University Housing has been instrumental in picking up the recycling and providing me with the data needed to calculate which area recycles the most."

Curry doesn't want students just to care about recycling now during this event. He said he wants students to be more aware of recycling for the long run.

"I hope that students will be more aware of the effects of recycling and increase the amount that they recycle," Curry said. "I am also hoping that they learn about what they can do each day

to promote sustainable."

This event will culminate this Thursday on Earth Day, when the winning residence hall is awarded its prize. Earth Day provides an opportunity for Curry to reflect on things he can do to protect our planet.

"Sometimes I find it hard with our disposable society to constantly be thinking about how my actions will affect our environment. Earth Day is a time when you can take a look at what you are doing to preserve our Earth," Curry said.

Coming up with a prize for the winning hall was a decision Curry and Sustainable Officer Kevin Adkins had to make. Curry said they agreed on a picnic table made with recycled bottles because it would be symbolic and give students a chance to enjoy some fresh air.

"Kevin Adkins and I were stumped when thinking about prizes," Curry said. "We did not want to give away small prizes to each area because it did not promote our program for the future. We wanted something that would remain on campus and provide a constant reminder of the effects of recycling."

In addition to collecting recycled products, another goal was to promote sustainable lifestyles through passive programs. Adkins said sustainable



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle

The residence hall that wins the Pitch In contest will get a picnic table made out of recycled water bottles.

for us is not only important for our future, but also the future of our nation.

"I'm a big cheerleader for sustainable. We really need to think about not just the environment, but what sustains us," Adkins said. "The problems we face now were caused by college-educated people. The [solutions] to these problems are going to be solved by the people getting their college education today."

Pitch In is a program that can be recycled for coming years to

promote recycling. In addition, Curry has more ideas to increase awareness for recycling at SIUE.

"This program can be repeated over time and can eventually be improved," Curry said. "The long term goal is to move to entering SIUE into a competition called Recyclemania that will get our university's name across the U.S. This competition is campus-wide and would involve all areas of SIUE."

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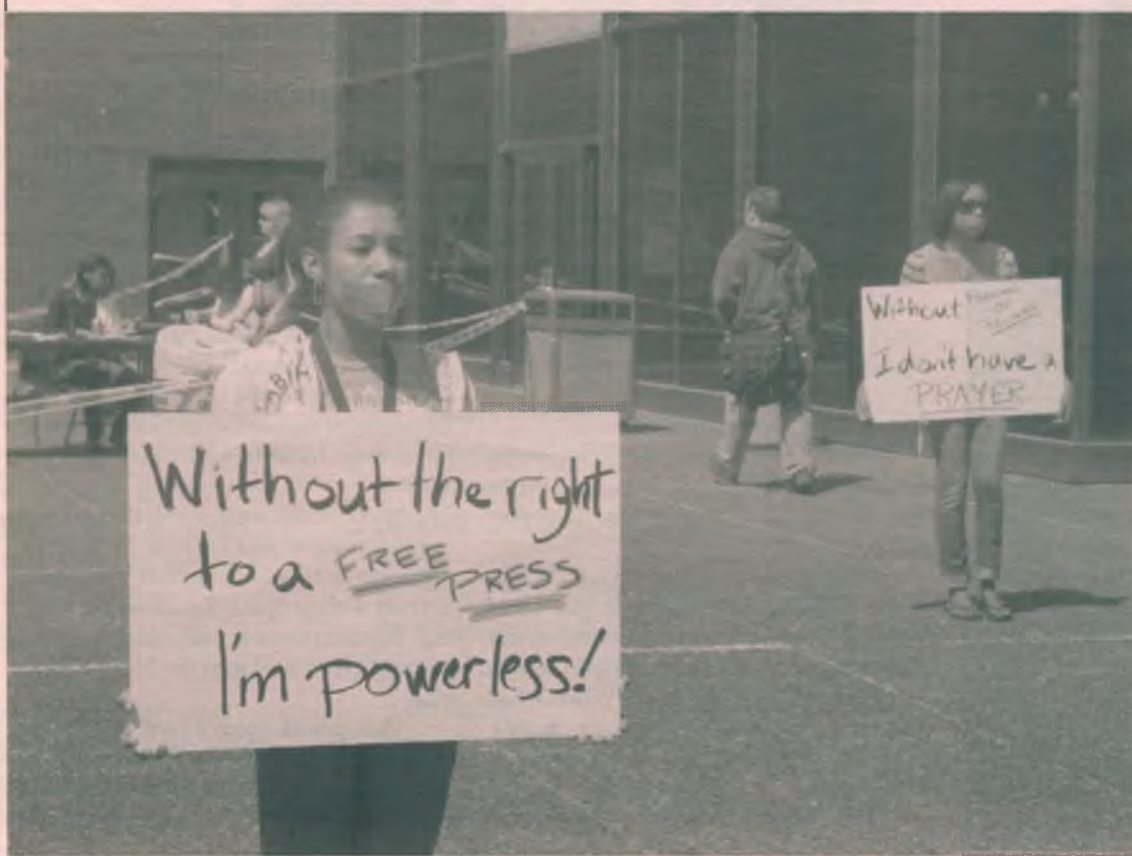
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Food or freedom?



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Students hold picket signs at a mock protest held by the Mass Communications Department Wednesday. Students signed away their first amendment rights for free food, were split apart from their groups and forced to talk about rocks and concrete.

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SIUE's senior assignment program was mentioned with one other public university in "U.S. News and World Report's America's Best Colleges 2009," along with universities like Harvard, Princeton and Yale.

Assistant Provost professor Vickie Scott said it is an "amazing honor" for SIUE to be selected and it "speaks to the dedication of our faculty members."

According to Scott, the students are chosen through a voting process within faculty meetings.

"These students really represent the best of the best ... they're getting an award in an area the university is nationally known for," Scott said.

Senior psychology major Maggie Hurtado worked with Dalton Maynard, Matt Renth, Pam Smith and Whitney Wallace for their senior assignment project "Bowling Skill? Is It All Just Practice, or Do Cognitive Abilities Play a Role?"

Hurtado said the group had free rein on what to choose for their topic, which focused on how people acquire any type of skill.

"We chose bowling because we had a clear, objective measure of our skill, which really is an issue ... it's really hard to define who's an expert and [who has] skill," Hurtado said.

According to Hurtado, they used bowling averages from their subjects' games, so the data was "very clear."

Maynard works at a bowling alley and was the one who originally proposed the idea, which had a clear, objective skill.

"We were one of the only

groups in our class to actually be able to go outside of campus to test our participants," Hurtado said.

The group also had an online bowling archive to help keep track of their data.

"Even if participants didn't tell bowling averages correctly, we could compare it to the archive and found that the archive was strongly correlated," Hurtado said.

One of the most challenging aspects of the project, which was also one of the most rewarding, was taking the project off

by faculty.

"Faculty do this above and beyond coursework and classes," Scott said.

According to Scott, each department nominates at least two projects per program. Some of them are individual and others are group collaborations. The students are nominated in a faculty meeting and then voted on.

Scott said students are selected based on an evaluation tool developed by each department to evaluate their senior assignment projects.

Aldemaro Romero, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said senior assignment is for students to apply what they have learned as undergraduates.

"It's a really hands on experience that provides them with a unique opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned," Romero said.

The diversity of the departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, according to Romero, allow for a variety of presentations and projects.

"You can see a huge diversity of projects there from the typical lab-oriented type of work to the artistic or literary project," Romero said.

Senior assignment presents hands-on experience and is a "unique opportunity for faculty to teach in a way different from typical teaching," according to Romero.

"The faculty becomes a true mentor to the student," Romero said. "By the same token, students have access to faculty."

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'These students really represent the best of the best'

**-Vickie Scott,
assistant provost
professor**

campus. Hurtado said it was interesting to get out there and work on the project with people with different strengths and weaknesses.

"We were testing in the real world," Hurtado said, "and it kind of went from this nice, little college bubble of everyone wanting to participate because it's class credit ... to being out in the real world where we have to actively participate to get people in the study."

Faculty and students work together on the projects, according to Scott, and most seniors are individually mentored

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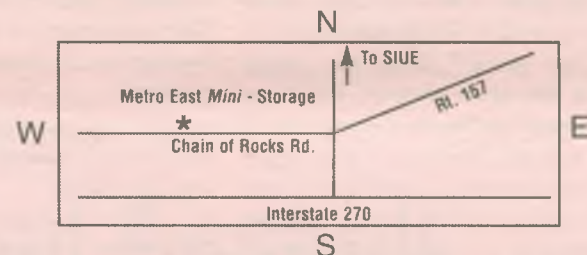
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Re-Cycling

New Bike Share program promotes sustainability



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As a part of the April 2009 budget, \$10,000 was used to purchase 30 bicycles as a part of the Bike Share program that officially begins on Earth Day. The bikes are free to rent for a time period of four hours. Sustainability Officer Kevin Adkins said there are more than 150 students already signed up.

by Aren Dow
Alestle Managing Editor

Through green roofs, recycling efforts and building codes, SIUE has made an effort to "go green." With the recent addition of a Bike Share program, it will put the emphasis on "go."

SIUE recently developed a Bike Share program, where students and faculty can rent a bike for up to four hours without charge, according to Sustainability Officer Kevin Adkins.

"It's a great form of exercise and a good way to get around campus," Adkins said.

Thirty bikes make up the current program, which is similar to those on other campuses, such as Southern Illinois University Carbondale and University of Illinois.

Student Organization for Sustainable Coordinator Megan Buckley said she thinks the program will help increase the number of cyclists on campus.

"It's definitely going to increase an awareness of bike culture," Buckley said. "We're all really excited for it."

Buckley, a junior English major, bikes around campus and into town occasionally. She said it is her way of exercising and it gives her a good feeling knowing she can use her bicycle instead of a car to get around.

"I love leaving my house and seeing my car in the driveway," Buckley said.

The exercise aspect is what allowed Sustainable to team up with Campus Recreation. Dave Hagedorn, assistant director for Facilities and Informal Recreation, said bringing the Bike Share program to campus gives students another way to view the entire SIUE campus.

"I look at it from a recreation standpoint," Hagedorn said. "We are a tremendously beautiful campus and the bikes easily allow students to get outside."

To check out a bike, students need to first fill out an online application, then after approval, swipe their Cougar Card at the Campus Recreation Center. The four-hour

rental is free, providing no damage is done to the bicycle.

The official launch of the program is Thursday, part of the celebration for the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Adkins said the response to the program so far has been positive.

"I have over 150 people signed up for Bike Share," Adkins said. "That's without any advertising."

Adkins said this isn't the first form of a Bike Share program on campus. Some student groups had set up a system of used bikes for anyone to use, but Adkins said those bikes disappeared quickly. This program will provide more accountability to ensure bikes are there when students need them.

The 85 miles of bike trails, which Madison County Transit boasts, also provide opportunities for students to travel beyond campus, well within reach of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon. Students are given a lock and key in case they stop somewhere.

Adkins said he sees the Bike Share program as the latest of the campus' efforts on sustainable. Efforts include the SIUE mandate that all buildings meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards, an accreditation system to make a building environmentally friendly. Adkins said he believes the campus has the potential to become a leader in the area.

"I believe SIUE could be the sustainable capital of the Midwest," Adkins said.

Adkins said he can see the program growing in the future, but due to the current economic state, funding will be limited. The \$10,000 used to purchase the 30 bicycles was made in April 2009 before any funding was frozen.

Adkins said he is still looking for volunteers to help maintain the bikes. To find out more about the Bike Share program or to register for a bike, visit siue.edu/sustainable/bike-share.shtml.

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It's part of the stipulation of the Fulbright Program," Tubosun said. "Along with teaching the language for one year, I also take graduate courses during my time here."

Learning languages is not something new to Tubosun. Throughout his lifetime, he has learned to speak a multitude of languages.

"It's normal for people in Nigeria to be bilingual. You grow up speaking English and the local language. I will say I can speak four and a half languages. I speak Yoruba, English, Swahili and French," Tubosun said. "The reason I say four and a half is because I speak a [little bit] of German and Spanish."

While some are intimidated by learning new languages, Tubosun said he has always had an interest in other languages.

"I have always found myself curious about learning languages. It just came with growing up in an environment that allows you to be curious about everything," Tubosun said. "When I had an opportunity to study in Kenya, everyday I'd always try to learn a language."

The biggest culture shock for Tubosun didn't come from any social situation. His biggest issue was adjusting to the weather.

"My experience is the United States has been good besides the cold. [The cold] was what took me the longest time to get adjusted to," Tubosun said. "The coldest

it gets in Nigeria is 65 degrees. I wondered how I was going to survive the winter, but I did."

When he returns home to Nigeria, Tubosun said he would miss a couple of new hobbies he picked up during his stay at SIUE.

"There are many basketball courts in Cougar Village, so I have gotten an opportunity to play often," Tubosun said. "There are not many bike trails in Nigeria. I have picked up the hobby of riding a bike."

Graduate Assistant Kathryn Xavier, who has befriended Tubosun since his arrival, said she could tell immediately that for someone that has so much knowledge, he is very humble and open to teach Yoruba.

"I could tell right away that he was very innovative and creative in what he does. He is so wise, but also very warm hearted with people," Xavier said.

Tubosun has also published a book of poetry, "Head First into the Metal," and a blog.

"The poems were a sum of personal experiences and questions," Tubosun said. "On my blog site, I have almost 400 posts, which I started the day before I traveled to the U.S. and continued to post my experiences every day since I've been here."

To read Tubosun's blog, visit www.ktrabula.com.

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budget is not finalized until it is approved by the legislature."

SIUE is in the process of collecting information through their various departments to help determine where money is being spent in order to plan the budget. Winter said in April the plan was to have the budget proposed by late May. However, due to the continued debate going on in the legislature, the date for the budget has been pushed back.

"Well, we originally planned on having it in mid-May," Winter said. "Now it looks like we won't have an idea about the budget until well after the spring semester."

Governor Pat Quinn has made it clear that the budget deficit is a serious issue and has proposed a plan to increase taxes for state residents in order to help the struggling education system. Quinn addressed the public last week at the

capital about the state budget allotment for education.

"I'm not going to try to sugarcoat the situation," Quinn said. "It's a crisis of epic proportions."

Quinn's plan, titled "Fighting for Illinois," will propose a cut of \$1.3 billion of state funding for schools. It will also add an income tax surcharge of 1 percent for education. Quinn said, according to the Huffington Post, while initial funding cuts were unavoidable, he hopes the income tax increases will help bring the education funding back up from the depths.

"We must invest in the future, even in tough economic times," Quinn said. "We don't have six months, we don't have six weeks, [we need] immediate action."

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'With mirth and laughter, let old wrinkles come'

-William Shakespeare



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Freshman theater major Joshua Wold participates in a Shakespeare performance in the Stratton Quadrangle Wednesday to commemorate Shakespeare's birthday.

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FAFSA does not ask for correct information

Each year I have to fill out the FAFSA and each year I'm puzzled as to why I have to use my parents' income.

I have lived with my great-grandparents since I was born, and they have always claimed me on their taxes and



Liz Spihlman
Copy Editor

supported me. I have a great relationship with my mother and stepfather, but neither of them supports me financially.

When it comes to the FAFSA, shouldn't we use the income of the person or people who support us as dependent students?

It's impossible for me to come out with a correct Expected Family Contribution if the people who are supposed to contribute have never supported me. I do not live off the income of a cook and an over-the-road truck driver. I live off the Social Security benefits of a retired woman.

This would have worked out perfectly if my great-grandparents had adopted me, but there was never a reason to do so. They raised me because my mother was still in high school and went on to business school. There were no discrepancies in custody or care, so we never batted an eye at the thought of adoption.

The only way students in "abnormal" family situations are going to get the correct amount of financial aid is if they are allowed to use the income of whoever supports them. Whether they are the biological or adoptive parents shouldn't matter. What matters is what kind of support the student

is getting, who it's from and what they can afford to spend on the student's education.

It wouldn't be a perfect system, but the easiest way to do this would be to use the income of whoever claims the student on his or her taxes.

The stress the FAFSA puts on using biological or adoptive parents is countered by the fact that it forces students to use stepparent information as well. I couldn't use my grandparents' income, so I went with my mom's. However, it started asking me questions about my stepfather, and I quickly became frustrated because my EFC is going to be ridiculous.

My parents recently filed for bankruptcy, but this evidently has nothing to do with my financial aid or EFC. If the FAFSA is going to force me to use my parents' income, they need to make the application longer so they can know about everything that is going on financially, such as large house payments, debts, etc. The only help bankruptcy can give me is to qualify me for larger loans. That's just going to put me in more debt rather than genuinely help me.

I know I am not the only person in this situation, or a similar one. All of these problems could be fixed by allowing students to use the income of the people who actually support them, even if they aren't the biological or adoptive parents.

Anything would be better than discriminating against students who live in "abnormal" households. It's normal to me, so it should be adequate enough for financial aid.

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Paying fees should mean use of facilities

Last semester after trying to unsuccessfully get into a workout class, I managed to get into one this semester. The reason I could not add the class last semester is because the Vadalabene Center decided it did not



Rosie Githinji
Opinion Editor

want to be associated with athletics. Because of this the professor could only allow a limited number of students due to limited space.

Students who are in workout classes are not supposed to use the gym or the equipment in the gym. We are supposed to use the classroom space provided and the equipment supplied.

In the classroom there are a few pieces of equipment, some exercise balls and some exercise mats. Not enough for the 20 some people who are in the class.

If I was not in a workout class, I could swipe my Cougar Card and enter the gym with no problem at all. But because I am associated with a class, it is not allowed during class time.

The class has been going on since the first week back from spring break. Nothing was said to the students themselves, at least not in my class, but the instructor now has to find a way for the class to get the workout we signed up for without it getting

uncomfortable.

Each semester students pay fees. Each school year, the fees go up and are used for things like the computer labs and events on campus. They are also for the use of the gym.

If these fees are going to be paid each semester for the use of facilities like the gym in the VC, then students should be able to use these facilities at their discretion.

If our money is going to be used to maintain the VC and now the Student Fitness Center, then what is it being used for if not using the equipment?

The gym is there for the students to use, whether for a class or because they want exercise. We should not be told that we can't use it because we are in a class.

If students are breaking the rules and bringing in protein shakes or not using the equipment properly, then it would make sense that they would not be allowed into the gym. If we are not breaking the rules, then there should not be an issue of when and how we can use facilities we are paying for each semester as students.

If the university is going to offer classes where students are supposed to workout or use the VC equipment, then the administration needs to find a way to make sure they can accommodate all students.

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SPEAK OUT

Should marijuana use be legalized?



"As far as the whole legalization thing, I don't see any merits in the whole thing actually. As far as the whole system set up for medical marijuana, I think that's a totally different thing. As far as the possibility of reducing violence through the whole Mexico/U.S. connection, I think that would be the only possible merit as far as the legalization of marijuana."

- Andy Novara,
junior music major



"I think that since we're in such debt right now it might be a good thing to get money flowing since people are already buying it anyway, and it's illegal and its not getting taxes. I think it's probably a good thing to help get revenue going."

- Paige Elbe,
freshman biology major



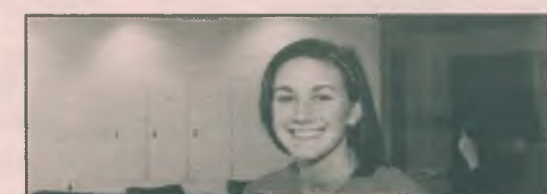
"I think that it would be kind of ridiculous because I feel the majority of people who get medical marijuana are just abusing it for those who actually could use it like cancer patients or whoever actually needs it. The majority of those people can go somewhere and get a card that says that they need it and really they don't."

- Jordan Evans,
junior geography major



"I don't support or disagree with it because I know some people use, well not marijuana per say, but the plant for medical reasons and stuff like that, so I don't disagree with it but I wouldn't support it as a form of entertainment, like some people like to use it for."

- Latara Radcliff,
freshman business major



"I think that it would be good because of people who were needing marijuana for a medical purpose if they got it and were able to live their life a little bit better."

- Madison Schickel,
sophomore biology major

Party in the Quad

Springfest celebrates unity of SIUE, no other schools allowed

SIUE encourages unity and school spirit during Springfest, trading student's other school shirts for SIUE spirit shirts. Before noon Wednesday, the shirts were gone and students had flooded the Stratton Quadrangle for games, food and music. The Springfest 2010 theme is Save a Horse, Ride a Cougar.



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Top: With smoke filling the air, Campus Recreation employee Nate Scott grills for SIUE students while celebrating Springfest 2010. The theme for the year is Save a Horse, Ride a Cougar. Right: Other school shirts lie abandoned in the middle of the Stratton Quadrangle. Bottom: Singing for the crowd during Cougar Karaoke, freshman pre-med major Katie Johnson of Paris sings karaoke in the spirit contest.



Rat races!

Alpha Sigma Tau to raise funds for bi-annual convention



by Kari Williams / Alestle Reporter

Alpha Sigma Tau will pit mouse against mouse Friday at the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Hall to raise funds for their bi-annual national convention.

Junior nursing major and AST President Allison Moenster of Highland said the mouse race event replaces their traditional trivia night fundraiser. This is the first year for the races, and, according to Moenster, this year's turnout will determine if the event will become annual.

Senior biology major and AST Vice President Allie Nutt of Chatham said the idea came from an executive board meeting where they discussed different ways to raise money.

"We just thought it'd be different than trivia nights because I feel like there's a lot of trivia nights around this area," Nutt said.

Party Down Entertainment in St. Louis will supply and handle the mice and will emcee the event, according to Nutt.

Junior public relations major and AST member Brittany Luehmann of Pontoon Beach said AST will sell food and there will be a silent auction and a dice wheel, which Party Down Entertainment provides.

"These mice are set up in a maze and all released at the same time, and individuals can vote or bid on which mouse they think is going to win," Luehmann said.

According to Moenster, the races will go on throughout the night in a tournament format.

"There's a semifinal and a final ... [and] the winner of the whole thing gets \$100," Moenster said.

The \$100 will be taken out from bets and ticket sales.

With 92 AST members selling five tickets each, Luehmann said she hopes to see about 500 people at the event.

"I definitely think it is a unique experience for people to come out ... a lot of people I've talked to have never even been to one," Luehmann said.

Moenster said some people may not agree with AST raising money through mouse races because of potential animal abuse, but she said she respects their opinions.

"I think people have mixed feelings about the event," Moenster said, "but as far as I know people are just interested to experience it for the first time to see what it's like. I've been to them before, and they're a lot of fun."

Freshman speech pathology major, Mo Kyla Nieder of Washington, also an AST member, said she is looking forward to the fundraiser.

"I'm curious to see how it will turn out, and what it will be like," Nieder said. "Plus, I'm obviously excited about the mice."

Junior construction management major Ashlee Ocegura of Edwardsville, an AST member, said has never been to a mouse race, but is curious and hopes it lives up to its expectations.

According to Nutt, the conference they are fundraising for is in Birmingham, Ala., and four AST members and their adviser Christy McDougal have to attend.

Moenster said the conference, which

will cost \$4,000 to attend, has meetings for sorority members to attend and conferences for certain positions in the sorority. AST's constitution and bylaws are

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-Allison Moenster, junior nursing major of Highland

also revised at the conference.

Luehmann said the event has helped raise funds in the St. Louis area and hopes it translates to Edwardsville.

"I hope the community will support us in this new and exciting event," Luehmann said. "If this doesn't work out we'll go back to the trivia night, but it's always good to try something new."

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Springfest continued...



Top: Hand raised, Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift signs a pledge promising to not wear other universities' apparel. He then donned his very own SIUE logo shirt. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel was honored with pledging Vandegrift. The festivities were set up at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and students traded other school shirts for SIUE apparel. Shirts with the SIUE logo were out of supply by noon.



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Right: Taking orders for hundreds of hot dogs, a Campus Recreation employee cooks for the SIUE population on Wednesday for Springfest 2010. Games, music and Cougar Karaoke were some of the events during the day. Fraternities and sororities also competed in contests.

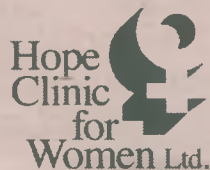
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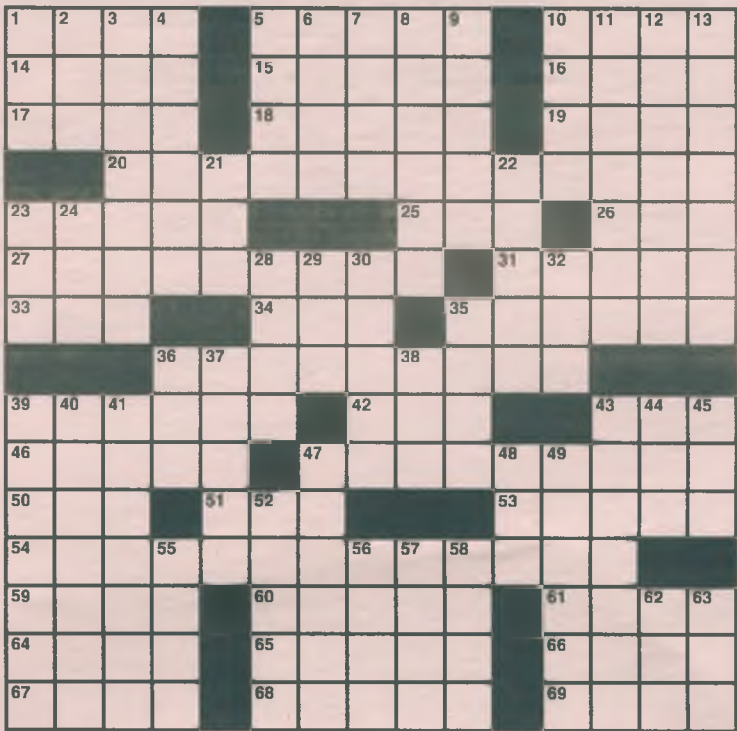
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- 18 Turbine part
- 19 ___-Z: classic Camaro
- 20 Grouch in the army?
- 23 Upright, for one
- 25 Campfire leftover
- 26 Tell stories
- 27 Small-time hood's pottery?
- 31 Hardwood tree
- 33 Downing St. VIPs
- 34 Small island
- 35 Cheeky
- 36 Accident in a qualifying race?
- 39 Ford failures
- 42 "Bad" cholesterol, briefly
- 43 "The Gold Bug" author
- 46 Hedren of "The Birds"
- 47 Family insignia for designer Edith?

- 50 Clod chopper
- 51 '70s-'80s Pakistani leader
- 53 Analyze grammatically
- 54 Jalopy used as a trade-in?
- 59 Evening, in ads
- 60 Concur
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- 64 River near Kassel, Germany
- 65 Like Chicago, so they say
- 66 Where the Jazz play
- 67 Belgrade native
- 68 Pair in the middle of dressing?
- 69 Very small

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- 1 Morning container
- 2 Prefix with center
- 3 Old Viking descendants of northern France
- 4 Separate, as chain parts
- 5 Indian cover-up
- 6 Congeal, as blood
- 7 Pro ___

- 8 Arctic jacket
- 9 Martin and Magdalene
- 10 Spinning sound
- 11 Harbingers
- 12 Many O. Henry endings
- 13 Farce
- 21 Express's opp.
- 22 Scorches
- 23 Very quietly, in music
- 24 Periodic table suffix
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- 29 Cholesterol-reducing grain
- 30 Repeating series
- 32 ___-di-dah
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By Jack McInturff

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Golfers end on 10th place finish

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

The SIUE men's golf team waited until the end to play its toughest competition.

In a meet featuring five teams from the Big Ten Conference and the top player in the nation, the Cougars placed 10th out of 12 teams at the Crooked Stick Invitational, hosted by Indiana University, on Monday and Tuesday.

Leading the way individually was junior Neal McCarty. McCarty tied for 26th place overall with his two-day score of 227. Monday saw the teams play two rounds of golf. McCarty shot back-to-back rounds of 75, 4 over par on the scorecard.

Also involved in the Cougars' scoring at the invitational was freshman Tom Callahan (231), junior Nick Nuzzo (234), Tony Ross (241) and Alex Knoll (245).

The ending of the season came as a bittersweet conclusion for SIUE men's golf Head Coach Derrick Brown. During the course of the season, Brown said his team has made huge strides to better themselves both on and off the course.

"We went four straight tournaments with individuals finishing in the top five," Brown said. "[Neal] McCarty even won one. Four of our top six guys improved their scores from fall to spring."

As for the last meet of the season, Brown said his team played about at the level where he thought they would.

"These guys got to see the depth and qualities of some of these bigger programs," Brown said.

The Cougars got to experience the best of Division I collegiate golf firsthand at the meet. The Crooked Stick Golf Course hosted the 1991 PGA Championship won by PGA tour professional John Daly. Later that year, Daly went on to win the PGA Tour Rookie of the Year.

Today, Crooked Stick holds a course rating of 76. The University of Illinois squad finished first at the meet with a team score of 859. Fifteen strokes behind them was Middle Tennessee State University in second.

The Cougars finished ahead of Butler University and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Men's golf team results at Crooked Stick Invitational

1. Illinois	859	±7
2. MTSU	874	±22
3. Purdue	884	±32
4. Indiana	885	±33
5. Xavier	891	±39
6. Wichita St.	899	±47
7. Minnesota	301	±50
8. Wisconsin	907	±55
9. Ball State	920	±68
10. SIUE	928	±76
11. Butler	936	±84
12. IUPUI	974	±122

Top individual performers

1. Chris DeForest	Illinois
2. Scott Langley	Illinois
3. Jordan Elsen	Wisconsin
4. Jason Millard	MTSU
5. Alex Martin	Indiana
T6. Kent Bulle	MTSU
T6. Hunter Green	MTSU
8. Dustin Garza	Wichita State
T9. Chris Burger	Xavier
T9. David Erdy	Indiana
T9. Nakarinta Ratanakul	Purdue
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T24. Peter O'Neill	Xavier
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The Cougars' record now stands at 23-20 after Tuesday's games. Another Ohio Valley Conference opponent, Southeast Missouri State University, will come to Cougar Field to face Montgomery's Cougars on Thursday in a doubleheader.

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one-out single in the eighth inning to start things off offensively. From there, things did not go SIUE's way. With two outs in the eighth, the Cougars surrendered three consecutive walks to Murray State batters.

The 3-2 lead was all Murray State needed to pull out the win in game two as SIUE was shut out in the bottom of the eighth.

Showdown on the sidelines

Springfest T-shirts: is it OK to support other schools?



Allan Lewis
Sports Editor



The other night in the Student Success Center I noticed a television slide proclaiming "Wear SIUE," with "other schools" crossed out and students proudly repping the "e" in front of our Cougar statue.

The next day I realized what this is all about.

During Springfest, students were urged to trade in their unwanted garb from those "other" institutions for a brand new SIUE T-shirt.

At a Division II school, sporting apparel from a different college is a little more acceptable than it is now. It's really a different world.

SIUE is now Division I, but it is still not uncommon to see those ugly orange shirts bearing the slogan "Chief" at SIUE. This really boggles my mind. SIUE opened its men's basketball season against the University of Illinois, yet there are students at SIUE who actually have an emotional connection with this other school.

We are a mid-major in the making - currently an independent in everything except fast-tracked men's soccer. Illinois is a high major in the Big Ten, competing with more financial resources, bigger facilities and name recognition, yet we compete in the same NCAA. The same goes for the University of Missouri in the Big 12. By the way, we just played them in softball.

As an athletic department, SIUE isn't quite at the level of these schools. Financially and in football terms, we will never be there. That's okay. There's always the possibility of great things happening at a mid-major. If you said 20 years ago Butler University would be playing for a men's basketball national championship in 2010, you would be laughed at.

These great things are nowhere near inevitable at SIUE, where current students view our programs as a laughingstock. We are that new kid at school the bully routinely gets the best of. We already have one D-I national championship to our name, so it's time to try for more. The time is young, and often times the bullied gets the last laugh.

People find reasons to connect with other schools. Oh, my brother goes there. My dad went there. My grandpa used to sit in his armchair and watch their games when I was a kid. When I was young I noticed "Illinois," thought, "Hey, that's the state I live in, I better like them."

If you are a Duke University fan, I don't even know where to start guessing the origin of your affiliation.

Deal with Satan?

OK, now you are in college. You don't go there. Shed your childhood aspirations and grow up. You are a Cougar.

If you plan on claiming SIUE as your alma mater, if you put it on your resume, you should show you care. This is bigger than sports.

I may have an old Southern Illinois University Carbondale sweatshirt lying around I have not worn in at least four years from a bandwagon connection to the Saluki's first Sweet 16 run. I plan on donating it if it hasn't already been torched. If not, I have already made the required common-sense pledge and will put it into contract. I am a Cougar, even when cleaning the bathroom.

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Levi Kirby
Sports Reporter



First off, I want to clarify right out of the gate, I am not against local charities, nor am I against rocking my Cougar pride.

I'm a proud supporter of both. However, I am also an advocate of my first love, the Kansas University Jayhawks.

For those who don't already know, SIUE is offering a free Cougar T-shirt to anyone willing to trade in an article of clothing with another school's logo on it.

Another way to earn this T-shirt is by "pledging" to never be seen on campus with another school's logo on any of your clothing.

I could probably spare one article of clothing bearing the KU logo, but I won't. Even more so, I would never take a pledge that wouldn't allow me to support my Jayhawks.

I'm sure other people feel the same: University of Illinois Fighting Illini fans, Duke University's Cameron Crazies, Saint Louis University Billikens fans, diehard University of North Carolina Tar Heels fans and the like. This is not only something I would never do, but it would put a massive hole in my wardrobe, as a good 60 percent of my dresser/closet is flooded with blue and red KU apparel.

I was an advocate of the Jayhawks long before I had ever even heard of SIUE.

After reading this, some people will think I'm bashing Cougar pride. That is not the case. I'm all for the promotion of school spirit, and I have a bundle of Cougar gear myself. I just think asking for a "pledge" is coming on a little strong.

It is a good idea at heart, but you will never get me to take such an oath. What about when March Madness rolls around?

Assuming the Illini actually make it next year, I'm sure the campus will be flooded with blue and orange. What about the University of Missouri? We're 20 minutes away from St. Louis, and there are hundreds of Tigers fans roaming the Stratton Quadrangle at SIUE.

One way I would make this "trade" is if I had a Southern Illinois University Carbondale shirt. I can definitely see myself letting go of one of those for a shirt representing the wonderful "e." What's the point of school pride without a little sister-school competition?

Another point, why can't we be fans of more than one school, as I am? I see nothing wrong with wearing my Kansas shorts with an SIUE shirt. It even matches.

I know I'll always be supportive of KU. With that being said, I'll always be supportive of SIUE as well, and I love representing the red and white Cougar pride.

Soon I'll be an alumnus of SIUE, not KU, but to ask me to abandon my fan-hood of the Jayhawks in order to promote SIUE is useless. It's not going to happen.

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Upcoming Cougar Events:

Thursday, April 22 Softball vs. SEMO - 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Thursday, April 22 Tennis vs. Northern Illinois - 4 p.m.
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Senior Aftan Noon runs toward first place in the 800-meter run at the Gateway Classic held at Korte Stadium Saturday.

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Three school records fall at Gateway Classic

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

Three school records fell as the SIUE track and field team hosted the Inaugural Gateway Classic Saturday at Korte Stadium. Competition from five other schools participated in the event, marking SIUE's first home meet of the year.

Two of those records came on the women's side from sophomores Dana Fischer and Aftan Noon. Fischer broke her own school record in the pole vault, clearing 10 feet, 2 inches. She placed fourth in her event.

Noon won the 800-meter run by nearly five seconds and broke her second school record in two weeks with her time of 2 minutes, 10.46 seconds.

One of the biggest stories of the day came from senior sprinter Chris Littleton. Littleton broke the record 200-meter record with his time of 21.30. Kyle Rose who ran a 21.39 in 2008 previously held the record.

"It was a big accomplishment for me to break the record," Littleton said. "I just wanted to perform good because it was one of my last meets at home. Everybody seemed to have good performances throughout the day."

Freshman thrower Kaleb Henry was amongst several individual event winners on Saturday for the Cougars. Henry won the javelin throw with a best mark of 194 feet, 3 inches. The win came as a payoff for Henry and his hard work during the spring.

"Knowing the history behind the stadium and the great events that have been held there was definitely a humbling experience," Henry said. "The experience I gained getting to represent SIUE in my first home meet is immeasurable, and with winning javelin, it is a memory that I plan to hold on to for quite some time."

Although he won the event by 25 feet with his throw of 194-03, Henry was not overly impressed with his throw.

"There was a warm-up throw that would have been near the school record, but they don't measure warm ups, so I shouldn't dwell on that," Henry said. "I was, however, very happy to win the event and have it posted as a meet record for me to try to beat next year."

Henry rounded out his day with a fourth place showing in the discus throw.

Aside from Littleton and Henry, other winners on the men's side included senior Alphonso Shepherd, senior Marcus Evans, senior Eric Mammoser and junior Ben Bishop. The men's 4x400 relay team also placed first with a time of 3:15.90.

Both the men and women's teams placed second Saturday. Eastern Illinois University finished first out of six competing teams on both sides.

Another school record came from senior Kayla Brown, who traveled out to Walnut, Calif., to compete in the 52nd Annual Mt. San Antonio College Relays. Brown ran a 10,000-meter time of 35:42.55 seconds in a meet where the slogan was "Where the World's Best Athletes Compete."

Brown broke the 15-year-old record of 36 minutes flat and said she went out to California with the intention of making an impression.

"I knew it was a good opportunity to definitely set a [personal record]," Brown said. "My goal was to be under 36 minutes but even more than that I wanted to be under 35:50."

There were three heats of the women's 10K race that took place at the event. Brown competed in what was known as the Olympic Development section. An open heat and an invite heat also took place.

"You had to post a time and your time had to get you in," Brown said. "I went there with a certain goal, and I wasn't going to let the travel affect me."

The Cougars will host another home meet this weekend at Korte Stadium. The SIUE Twilight Invite will take place Saturday.

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Cougars split home twinbill with Racers

Both games Tuesday go into extra innings

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A pair of extra innings games against Murray State University ended with the SIUE softball team on both the winning and losing side of things on Tuesday.

The Cougars took game one of the doubleheader by a final of 2-1 in nine innings, and Murray State took game two 3-2 in eight innings.

Sophomore starter Erika Taylor threw all nine innings for the Cougars in the series opener. Taylor struck out 10 of the batters she faced while surrendering three hits.

A solo home run shot early on by the visitors gave Murray State the edge at the start of the game. The Cougars would answer in the third inning when sophomore first baseman Whitney Davis drew a walk while the bases were loaded.

An error by Murray State in the ninth inning gave SIUE the break they needed to gain the lead. Sophomore right fielder Lindsey Barron reached on an error with two outs and senior third baseman Lauren Zembruski then knocked a clutch base hit to follow up. Barron scored on the play,

	R	H	E
SIUE	1	3	6
Murray State	2	7	1

	R	H	E
SIUE	3	3	1
Murray State	2	7	2

following a throwing error.

In game two, junior pitcher Ali Downing followed up with a solid, defensive three-hit effort of her own. Downing retired 13 straight batters up through the eighth inning.

"We had two solid pitching performances today," SIUE softball Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said.

The Cougars' bats connected on seven hits in game two of the doubleheader. Barron, sophomore left fielder Megan Murphy and freshman catcher Samantha Stanicek each had two hits for the hosts in the late game.

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Getting dirty



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Students participate in an annual spring mud volleyball game Friday behind Bluff Hall.